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## Littleton Voters Approve Two Ballot Questions

Littleton voters gave resounding approval to two questions on the November 3 ballot.

Initiated Question 300 was a citizen initiative that gathered enough signatures to qualify for the ballot that will allow existing medical marijuana center licensees in the City of Littleton to sell retail marijuana on and after January 1, 2021.

300	Initiated Ballot Question – Retail Marijuana	
	Total Votes	Percentage
Yes	18,400	65.33%
No	9,763	34.67%

Referred Question 3A was an amendment to several sections of the City Charter allowing registered voters to directly elect the mayor starting in 2021. The position will be a four-year term replacing the two-year at large seat. Littleton will remain a council/manager form of government.

3A	Referred Ballot Question – Direct-Elect Mayor	
	Total Votes	Percentage
Yes	21,928	80.51%
No	5,310	19.49%

These results are as of 9 a.m. November 10 and are unofficial until certified by the Arapahoe, Douglas, and Jefferson county clerks.

## Short Term Rental Ordinance Considered

At its October 20 meeting, the Littleton City Council approved the first reading of an ordinance regulating Short Term Rentals (STR). An STR is defined as renting or leasing a dwelling unit for a period of less than 28 days.

The proposed ordinance creates new definitions for STRs, outlines application and license requirements, and sets forth grounds for revocation of the license. Staff also created a *Good Neighbor Guidelines Handout* to be posted inside the property, and a letter to be distributed to neighbors adjacent to an STR by the license holder. The goal is to ensure the health and safety of renters, mitigate the impacts of short-term rentals on neighborhoods, and maintain and enhance neighborhood livability.

In January and February of 2019, a citizen group met and provided several different ideas that could be addressed in future STR regulations. Among the items recommended by the citizen group was the recommendation that STRs which are owner-occupied be treated differently than STRs not occupied by a property owner.

The city currently has 47 registered STRs. The proposed STR business license ordinance is an initial effort towards regulating STRs in Littleton as policy direction unfolds through the Unified Land Use Code process. Currently, there is no specific definition of STRs in the Littleton Code, nor are there specific licensing requirements. The complete ordinance is available in the October 20 meeting packet at [littletongov.org/videomeetings](http://littletongov.org/videomeetings).



## New Zone District and Character Areas Created for Downtown Littleton

At its October 6 meeting, the Littleton City Council unanimously approved the second round of amendments to Title 10: Zoning Regulations for Downtown Littleton. These codes were written almost 45 years ago. This interim step is the top priority identified in the city's recently adopted Comprehensive Plan – to modernize zoning codes citywide and transition to a Unified Land Use Code in 2021. The amended Title 10 created a new zone district (DT-Downtown) and divided that district into four character areas.



Improvements to the code include:

- Simplified zoning with one Downtown Zone District versus seven.
- Creation of a character-based approach to zoning with the establishment of the following Character Areas: Downtown Transition (DTA), Downtown Main Street (DMS), Downtown Mixed Use (DMU), and Downtown Neighborhood (DNR).
- More specific controls on building height, scale, bulk, placement, and other land development standards.
- Predictability in the development process.
- Decrease of emphasis on building use and more attention to the look and feel of the building and site design.
- Creation, and in some cases maintenance, of mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented areas.
- Implementation of the 2019 Envision Littleton Comprehensive Plan vision, goals, and policies.

Approximately 2,500 property owners and tenants received notice of the proposed zoning map changes. Planning commission held a public hearing on the map changes November 9. City council will hold first reading of the ordinance for the proposed changes December 1, with second reading and public hearing scheduled for December 15. All of these meetings will be virtual and instructions to participate can be found on the city's website. A hotline (303-795-3800) will be staffed Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to answer specific questions regarding the rezoning and proposed map changes. More information and a map showing the new zone district and character areas can be found at [bit.ly/DTRezeone](http://bit.ly/DTRezeone).

## See an Issue? SeeClickFix it!

The City of Littleton has launched an updated dashboard to track issues and requests by citizens.

Littleton has revised the "SeeClickFix" app that many residents are already familiar with. This app allows residents to identify an issue and report it quickly and directly to the city. From potholes to graffiti and much more, the city works hard to maintain and improve Littleton's infrastructure, and input from residents is extremely valuable.



The updated app includes enhancements as well as security patches. Go to the App Store or Google Play and download the latest "SeeClickFix" app. The previous app, "Click & Fix Littleton," is no longer supported. For more information visit the city's SeeClickFix web page at [littletongov.org/see-click-fix](http://littletongov.org/see-click-fix).



## Littleton CARES Economic Relief Update

In September, the Littleton City Council approved additional CARES Act funding for the Littleton CARES – Business Recovery Grant to cover the remaining approved business applicants. The council also approved reopening the Littleton CARES – Non-Profit Assistance which had \$39,000 remaining in the fund following the completion and initial round of awards.

Since April 2020, Littleton has worked to help mitigate economic injury caused by COVID-19 in the business and non-profit communities. Grant awards from the City of Littleton total \$1,018,813. Grant awards including Arapahoe County total more than \$1.5 million. For more information visit [go2littleton.com](http://go2littleton.com).

## Authorities, Boards, and Commissions Vacancies

The Littleton City Council invites citizens to apply for vacancies on the city's authorities, boards, and commissions. Applications will be available online at [littletongov.org/board-vacancies](http://littletongov.org/board-vacancies) and must be received by 5 p.m. Sunday, January 31, 2021. Questions may be directed to the city clerk at 303-795-3780. Full descriptions of each board's duties can be found at [littletongov.org/boards](http://littletongov.org/boards).

## Littleton Public Schools Foundation

The Littleton Public Schools Foundation (LPSF) thanks the community of supporters who have given generously to provide financial resources to Littleton Public Schools. In a time of great uncertainty and difficulty, the community generously supported the needs of students and teachers. The 2019-2020 school year was the biggest fundraising ever for LPSF.

LPSF awarded \$437,500 to fill gaps in funding that provide Littleton Public Schools with programs they otherwise would not be able to afford, including mental health and wellness programs, innovation grants for teachers, food assistance programs, books for summer reading and literacy, PTO partnership fundraising, and scholarships. A detailed list can be found at [LPSFoundation.com/community](http://LPSFoundation.com/community). To get involved or for more information, visit [LPSFoundation.com](http://LPSFoundation.com).

## Ordinance Proposed Requiring Remote Sellers to Collect and Remit Sales Tax

The Littleton City Council approved an ordinance on first reading October 20 amending the city code regarding the obligation of remote sellers to collect and remit sales tax regardless of physical location.

Colorado's sales tax system is perceived by businesses as complex and burdensome. As part of a statewide taxation simplification movement organized by the Colorado Municipal League, staff is proposing amendments to the sales tax code to simplify the sales tax collection process for businesses, including remote sellers, while ensuring Littleton receives the sales tax revenues it is owed.

In 2018, the United States Supreme Court in *South Dakota v. Wayfair* held that a state is not prohibited from requiring a retailer to collect sales tax based solely on the fact that the retailer does not have a physical presence in the state. Based on this decision, a retailer's obligation to collect taxes from remote sales is no longer based on the retailer's physical presence in the jurisdiction. As a result, Littleton's sales tax ordinance needs to be amended.

This ordinance adopts uniform definitions to encompass marketplace facilitators, marketplace sellers, and multi-channel sellers that do not have a physical presence in the city, and clarifies that remote sellers have an obligation to collect and remit sales tax to Littleton.

## Santa Fe Drive Survey Open

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is conducting a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study along Santa Fe Drive (US Highway 85) between C-470 and the junction of Alameda Drive and I-25. The study will examine alternatives to address overall congestion on Santa Fe Drive that will aim to serve existing and future needs, and make recommendations to improve safety, traffic operations, travel time, and multi-modal person-trip capacity.

Take CDOT's survey at the link below. Share your experience traveling along Santa Fe Drive to help them identify the root causes of congestion and other issues:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/YourSantaFe](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YourSantaFe)

For more information about the project or to join the distribution list, visit the PEL website, email or call:

- [codot.gov/projects/santafe-pel](http://codot.gov/projects/santafe-pel)
- [santafepel@gmail.com](mailto:santafepel@gmail.com)
- 303-524-8386



## City Manager Completes Next Phase of Leadership Team Reorganization

City Manager Mark Relph has completed the most recent phase of his reorganization of the city staff in response to revenue reductions related to COVID-19. Earlier this year, significant cuts were made to the 2020 budget including hiring freezes, layoffs, and elimination of two positions on the Leadership Team.

"COVID-19 hit us hard," Relph said. "Now is the time, more than ever, to innovate and look at what we can do better. I have great confidence in all of the members of our team in their ability to carry out council's goals and meet citizen expectations in the delivery of programs and services. These consolidations give us the best opportunity to do so," Relph added.

In addition to Relph, the new Executive Team is

comprised of six department directors:

**Ashley Bolton** – Administrative Services Director  
*Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Procurement*

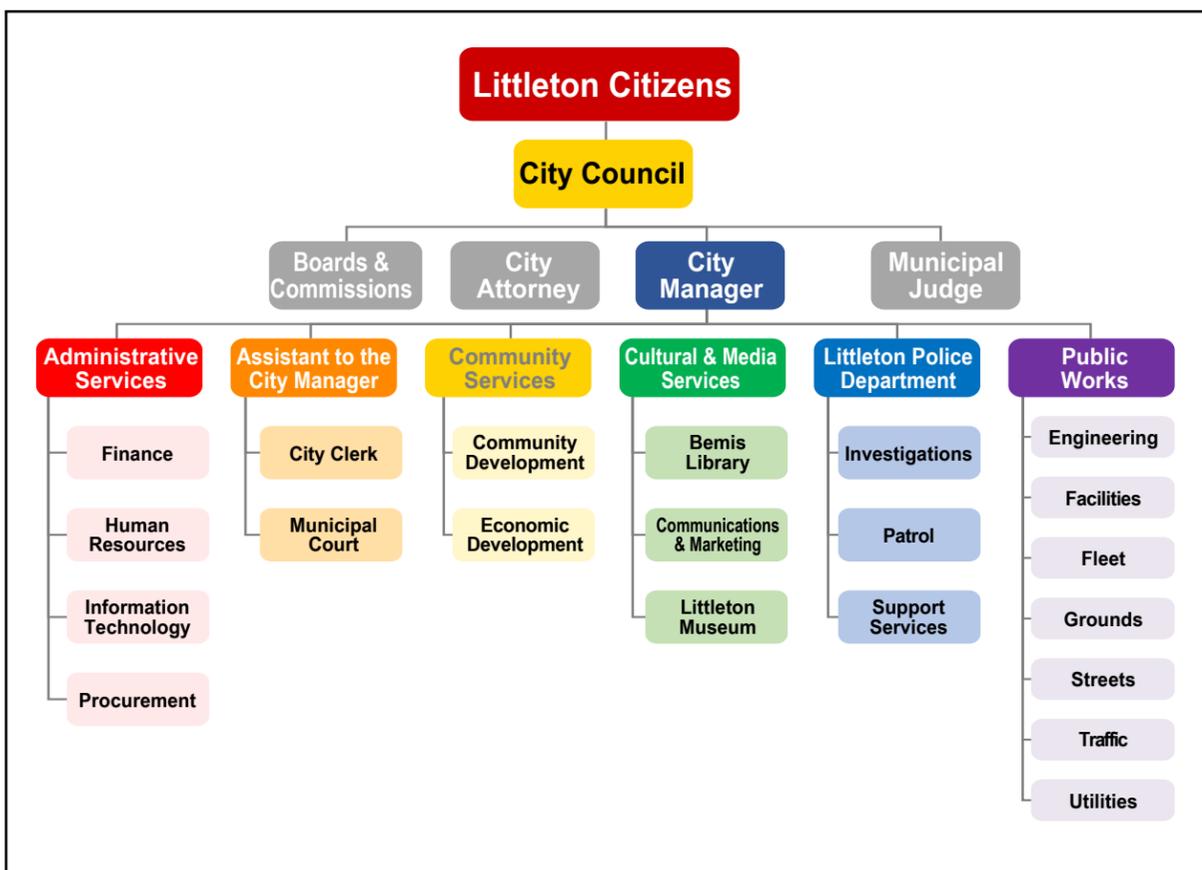
**Samma Fox** – Assistant to the City Manager  
*City Clerk, Municipal Court*

**Kathleen Osher** – Community Services Director  
*Community Development, Economic Development*

**Kelli Narde** – Cultural and Media Services Director  
*Communications and Marketing, Library, Museum*

**Doug Stephens** – Police Chief  
*Investigations, Patrol, Support Services*

**Keith Reester** – Public Works Director  
*Engineering, Facilities, Fleet, Grounds, Streets, Traffic, Utilities*





## Littleton Affected by COVID Increases and New Health Orders

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) notified Arapahoe County, the Tri-County Health Department, and all of the cities within the county that the sharp increase in COVID incidence rates requires moving from Level Yellow to Level Orange: High Risk, effective Wednesday, November 11 at 5 p.m. Restrictions will be implemented across all sectors as described in Section II.E of Public Health Order 20-36. As of November 11, the county's incidence rates are:

- Percent positivity: **10.15%**
- 2-week COVID-19 case count (new cases): **4,050**

The increasing positivity rate has also impacted the City of Littleton with confirmed cases among employees in the Littleton Police Department, the Littleton Center, as well as the Municipal Court. As a result, the Littleton Municipal Court is closed through November 27 and cases scheduled during this time will be continued to future dates in December. The court will mail notices with the new dates to the affected parties. Online payments can be made at [www.littletoncourtpmts.com/](http://www.littletoncourtpmts.com/). The court clerk can be reached by phone at 303-795-3837 or at [courtweb@littletongov.org](mailto:courtweb@littletongov.org). Police staffing will continue at normal operational levels while the Littleton Center is open by appointment only.

Bemis Library has moved to curbside pickup and computer use available by appointment only by calling 303-795-3961.

All returned library materials are quarantined for 72 hours per guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and the American Library Association.

The Littleton Museum is reducing the number of visitors to 50 per hour. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 303-795-3950.

Since COVID began, contract and in-house custodial staff have focused on disinfecting common areas regularly and have fogged all areas when an exposure was identified. The Littleton Police and dispatch spaces are fogged twice weekly. All police vehicles and Omnibuses are treated with a long-acting polymer disinfectant. Bi-polar ionization equipment has been installed in central HVAC systems at the Littleton Center, Municipal Courthouse, Library and Museum which actively mitigates pathogens throughout the buildings. All city employees must check their temperature before entering their building and those who can work remotely are doing so.

The CDPHE can move the county to a more restrictive level at any point if circumstances warrant more aggressive restrictions. Should the county metrics improve during the more restrictive phase, the county would need to maintain those metrics for at least two weeks to move to a less restrictive phase.

The Littleton City Council and staff ask every resident to do their part to stop the spread.



## Moratorium on Downtown Development Extended

City council passed an emergency ordinance imposing a 90-day temporary moratorium on all new development within the downtown area at its October 6 meeting.

With the unanimous approval of the Phase II amendments to Title 10 of the Littleton Municipal Code, the city will go through the process of adopting the map amendments, i.e., which parcels are in which zoning district and character area. In order to provide due process and notice while the map amendments are finalized, the moratorium on all new development within the downtown area is intended to preserve public property, health, peace and safety. While in many respects some of the changes are a reclassification of current zoning district standards, while for others it constitutes a rezoning. As the city does not currently have a comprehensive rezoning process, due process requires notice be provided to all the properties affected by the proposed zoning district and character areas and an opportunity to be heard.

Contact Community Development for more information at 303-795-3748.

The Consolidated Public Review Draft of the entire Unified Land Use Code is set for release in June 2021.

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## 2021 Budget

The second reading and public hearing for the 2021 budget took place at the Littleton City Council meeting on October 20. The 2021 Proposed Budget included an overall reduction of 11.34 FTEs as a result of the city's early retirement incentive program offered in 2020, as well as reorganizations and layoffs in response to the budget shortfall created by COVID-19's impact on sales and use tax revenues.

The 2021 General Fund proposed total expenditures are projected to be \$1,813,240 or 3.8 percent lower than 2020, and \$478,222 or 1 percent lower than 2020 estimated year-end expenditures. Sales and use tax revenues are the largest portion of the General Fund revenues at 78 percent; sales and use tax has been severely impacted as a result of COVID-19. The 2020 retail sales tax revenues (excluding motor vehicles) are expected to be below 2019 levels by 7 percent or \$2,137,914 at year-end, and below the 2020 budget of \$30,760,810 by \$2,597,438 or 8 percent. The state's retail sales growth is projected to grow by 1 percent in 2019-20 and decline by 5.7 percent for 2020-21.

A three-percent user-rate increase for 2021 has been proposed in anticipation of a completed rate study at the end of 2020 for Littleton customers of South Platte Water Renew, the sewer treatment plant co-owned by the cities of Littleton and Englewood.

Storm Drainage Fund revenues remain among the lowest in the Denver area. To fund needed capital improvements, system repairs and replacements, a fee increase of \$19.09 for a single-family home is proposed for 2021. A rate study is being developed in conjunction with the sewer rate study.

With leading economic indicators showing signs of slowing even prior to COVID, the city is limited in its ability to propose investments to address the deferred capital maintenance accumulating over several decades. The staff continues the long-term capital needs discussion to both maintain what the city has and to meet additional service and capital needs. Long-term fiscally constrained funding is needed for updating the aging city-wide infrastructure.



## Littleton City Council



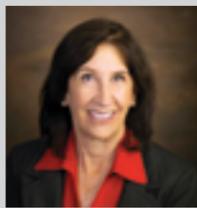
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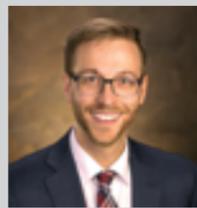
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## 2021 Littleton Calendar Winners

The 13 winners of the 2021 Littleton Calendar photography contest have been selected by Fine Arts Board Members Molly Blakley and Joni Lieb.

The winners are:

<b>Cover</b> .....	Bill Rees
<b>January</b> .....	Ben Griffiths
<b>February</b> .....	Peter Rondinone
<b>March</b> .....	Rosanne Juergens
<b>April</b> .....	Penelope Todd
<b>May</b> .....	Candyce Herman
<b>June</b> .....	Maureen Ravnik
<b>July</b> .....	Peggy Dietz
<b>August</b> .....	Moon Lee
<b>September</b> .....	Karla Nuzman
<b>October</b> .....	Rick Acres
<b>November</b> .....	Michelle Munzer
<b>December</b> .....	David Winger

The calendar captures the city's people, landscapes and events. The winning photographs were selected from 200 photos submitted by 69 photographers.

The popular calendar will be available the first week of December at all city buildings and from the calendar's generous sponsors. Due to COVID 19, the city is waiving the sponsorship fee normally charged to the calendar sponsors in order to support the business community.

The 2021 calendar sponsors are: Littleton Adventist Hospital; PDA Road Gear; Lautenbach Insurance; Arapahoe Community College; South Suburban Parks and Recreation; RE/Max Professionals; Western Welcome Week, Inc.; Bradford Auto Body, Inc.; Littleton Public Schools Foundation; Commonwealth Reality; Aspen Grove; and Viewhouse Eatery, Bar & Rooftop.

## Public Works Grant Funding

Since 2017 the city has received over \$19.5 million in competitive grant funding for public works projects, a 65-percent application success rate. As a condition of the grants, the city has committed \$4.8 million in matching funds, a 406 percent return on investment. The success rate is exceptional, considering intense competition for public works grants.

Past and future projects funded with grant dollars include rebuilding congested and accident-prone intersections, increasing bike and pedestrian safety, upgrading traffic communication equipment, replacing bridges, and improving sidewalks and trails. Many of these projects would not be possible without grant funding but are vital in accommodating the growth in the city and the growing region that impacts Littleton's transportation system. Projects are scheduled into the five-year Capital Improvement Plan for 2021-2025.

## Improve Your English

The Littleton Immigrant Resources Center offers English classes at Bemis Library. A new term will begin in January. These classes are offered both in-person and online. For more information about the course or to volunteer as a tutor, contact the LIRC at libeb@littletongov.org or 303-734-8411.

## ULUC Resumes Virtual Studios and Community Discussion

The Unified Land Use Code (ULUC) will continue its path of discovery over the next year by bringing back a series of virtual studios to discuss corridors, mixed-use, neighborhoods, and business/commercial areas.

The next Envision Studio will be held December 14 to continue discussions about the look and feel of Littleton for the next 20 years. The focus will be on the type, quality, and character of development along the corridors of Santa Fe, Broadway, Littleton Boulevard, and Belleview Avenue. The studio will also refine community preferences and build consensus about the key ingredients of good design.

Good design will be at the heart of an Instagram challenge where followers can post images of great projects, great design, and great ideas along the focus corridors. The challenge will run from November to January using #EnvisionLittleton to collect entries.

The transition to a ULUC was the top priority in the 2019 adopted Envision Littleton Comprehensive Plan. This new code will build on the Future Land Use & Character Map as well as regulate how land can be used in the City of Littleton. Project information, maps, updates, and the calendar of events are available at [EnvisionLittleton.org](http://EnvisionLittleton.org).

## Denver Water Rate Increase in January to Help Fund Lead Reduction Program

Denver Water is notifying Littleton residents of rate adjustments scheduled to go into effect January 1, 2021. The rate changes are necessary to help pay for Denver Water's Lead Reduction Program that launched in January 2020. The rate change will increase monthly bills for most residents by less than 70 cents if water use is similar to volumes used in 2020.

As part of the Lead Reduction Program, owners of more than 750 homes in Littleton built between 1983 and 1987 will receive a letter from Denver Water. These homes do not have lead pipes but might have lead solder between copper pipes that can leach into water and cause contamination.

Having a lead service line, lead solder or pre-2014 fixtures doesn't necessarily mean there are elevated levels of lead in the water. But formula-fed infants are vulnerable if higher levels of lead do exist in drinking water. This is why Denver Water developed the Lead Reduction Program for families living in homes built between 1983 and 1987 who have formula-fed infants or are expecting a child. The first step is to get the water tested. A free water quality test kit is available by calling Denver Water Customer Care at 303-893-2444. If the results show lead levels over three parts per billion, Denver



Water will provide a water pitcher and filter certified to remove lead, and replacement filters until the formula-fed infant is 24 months old. Denver Water also adjusted the pH of its water to protect customers from the effects of lead-containing household plumbing. A higher pH creates a protective coating inside water pipes, reducing the risk of lead getting into drinking water. The pH adjustment is actively protecting all customers, including those with lead solder, from the risks of potential lead exposure.

For more information, including additional steps to reduce exposure, visit [denverwater.org/your-water/water-quality/lead/filter-program](http://denverwater.org/your-water/water-quality/lead/filter-program).



## South Suburban Parks and Recreation District News

### Cookies and Cocoa with Santa

Santa is spreading holiday cheer with cookies and cocoa at the Buck Recreation Center. Bring the whole family for activities and photos on Sunday, December 5 from 8:30-9 a.m. or from 9:30-10 a.m. It is \$4 for resident participants and \$5 for nonresidents. Appropriate social distancing and safety protocols will be in place. Visit [register.ssprd.org](http://register.ssprd.org) to reserve a spot.

### Holiday Pass Sale

Take advantage of South Suburban Park and Recreation's (SSPR) holiday sale on these passes and punch cards to jump start a fitness journey:

- \$50 off youth, senior and adult annual passes
- \$100 off household annual passes
- 10-percent off 20-admission punch cards
- 10-percent off 10-packs of personal training, private reformer and massage

Purchase SSPR passes at any recreation center or at [ssprd.org/passes](http://ssprd.org/passes).

### Pottery Sale

Get a head start on the holiday shopping season at the Buck Recreation Center December 7 and 9. Browse pottery pieces created by SSPR instructors and members of the Goodson clay arts community. Fifteen percent of sales are donated back to the SSPR clay and arts studio. Appropriate social distancing and safety protocols will be in place.



### New Sports Complex Opens January 2021

SSPR's regional sports complex is scheduled to open its doors in January 2021. The 206,000-square-foot facility will feature a fieldhouse with two synthetic turf fields, two gymnasiums with Pickleball courts, three sheets of ice, district administrative offices, a restaurant and bar, a board room, party and meeting room rentals, and a pro shop. The project will replace the 52-year-old South Suburban Ice Arena as well as the South Suburban Administration Office. The new facility is located at 4810 East County Line Road.

Get more information about classes, programs and rentals at [register.ssprd.org](http://register.ssprd.org). For details about the new complex, including a time lapse and sneak peek of the interior, visit [ssprd.org/sports-complex](http://ssprd.org/sports-complex).

## New Free COVID Testing

A free COVID-19 community testing site is open at 13050 East Peakview Avenue in Centennial, near the intersection of Arapahoe Road and Peoria Street. The testing center offers drive-up screenings seven days a week between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. The CARES-funded facility will provide test results within four days.



## Council Chamber Renovation

Arapahoe County approved the city's request to utilize a portion of CARES Act funds to renovate the city council chamber, the city's primary governing meeting space for the council, citizens, and staff. In addition, six appointed boards conduct their meetings in the room including Planning Commission, Licensing Authority and the Historical Preservation Board.

The chamber had fixed seating, obsolete technology, and inadequate HVAC systems and had not been used since the pandemic began. The project includes redesigning the space and renovating it to make it a multi-functional, pathogen-safe meeting space allowing for proper social distancing. Littleton-based Intergroup Architects designed the project and Saunders Construction is building the improvements. According to guidelines from the U.S. Treasury, the project must be completed by the end of this year.



## Candlelight Walk Canceled



Celebrating the holidays in Downtown Littleton will look a bit different this year as the city is working to keep everyone safe and comply with the guidance provided by public health orders.

After considerable thought, the city has made the difficult decision to cancel the Candlelight Walk that would have been held November 27. With social-distancing protocols and public health orders that prevent large gatherings, this is the appropriate decision in order to keep both participants and the community safe. However, Santa is still coming to town and will be making several appearances in Downtown Littleton.

There will also be other holiday surprises to enjoy every weekend, from dancing Christmas trees to chainsaw ice carvings. Downtown Littleton is still the place to be and shop for the season. Enjoy the annual Christmas lights and stay tuned for more holiday wonderment to be announced.

The City of Littleton thanks the community for its understanding and support and is looking to bring back the Candlelight Walk even bigger and better in 2021.

## Alfalfa's Market and Molly's Spirits Want to Come to Littleton

During the Littleton City Council study session on October 13, representatives of Alfalfa's Market and Molly's Spirits requested city council consider incentives to encourage locations in Littleton Village. With Starbucks and Culver's as exceptions, the commercial side of Littleton Village has gone undeveloped.

Alfalfa's Market has three locations in Colorado. Its stated mission is to provide customers with a wide selection of quality, natural, organic foods and products. Alfalfa's supports local, organic, sustainable and socially-responsible products and believes in creating and supporting communities.

Molly's Spirits has two locations in Colorado and offers an enormous collection of beer, wine and liquor. Molly's is known for its huge video screens throughout the store, so customers won't miss a minute of the game while running out for refreshments.

Discussions between city staff, Littleton Village area property owners and the representatives for Alfalfa's Market and Molly's Spirits have been ongoing. An application requesting economic incentives was received on August 23, 2020.

Staff recommended city council support the proposed incentive agreements and city council provided direction to staff to proceed with developing separate agreements with Alfalfa's Market and Molly's Spirits, and bring a resolution forward for consideration at a future date.



## Colorado Gives Day Supports Littleton Nonprofits

Join thousands of Coloradans to support local nonprofits on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. This annual statewide movement celebrates and increases philanthropy in Colorado through online giving. The \$1 Million Incentive Fund made possible by Community First Foundation, FirstBank and other community members boosts the value of every donation. Make donations at ColoradoGives.org on December 8 or schedule a donation in advance. A sample of Littleton organizations that benefit from Colorado Gives Day includes: the Littleton Public Schools Foundation, Immigrant Pathways Colorado, Doctors Care, Break Bread, the Littleton Rotary Foundation, Town Hall Arts Center, Nourish, Arapahoe Community College Foundation, North Littleton Promise, the Humane Society of the South Platte Valley, Western Welcome Week, Inc., and AllHealth Network.



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## Holidays on Main Festivities Planned for Weekend Afternoons

Afternoon entertainment and activities bring holiday warmth to downtown in spite of winter weather. The City of Littleton, in partnership with the Historic Downtown Littleton Merchants, is planning some fun entertainment for Downtown Littleton shoppers this holiday season. Festivities include holiday music, street entertainers, "live" candy canes and elves, dancing trees, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and more fun surprises. The fun begins Thanksgiving weekend, November 27-29 and with entertainment scheduled each Saturday and Sunday afternoon through December 20.

Enjoy an afternoon downtown with the family and stay safe. Masks are required. For the latest schedule, visit [littletonrocks.com](http://littletonrocks.com).



## Governor Announces Tech Service to Facilitate COVID Exposure Tracking

Governor Polis has announced a crucial partnership between the state of Colorado, Google and Apple that will leverage cutting-edge technology to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Coloradans can opt into the new Exposure Notifications (EN) service on their phone. This mobile service will allow people to know if they might have been exposed to the virus without compromising their privacy or data. It's entirely optional, with privacy and security core to the design of this service.

It will be offered to both iOS and Android users in Colorado. If someone opts in, they can be notified of their exposure to the virus from another person who is also using the service.

The technology does not track a phone's location, and does not share the owner's identity with Google, Apple, other users, or the state. What the service does do is give an early heads up if the phone was near someone with COVID-19, and provides everyone with the individual choice to use the service. Colorado is one of the first states in the nation to have this service. For more information visit [covid19.colorado.gov/data](http://covid19.colorado.gov/data).





## Omnibus is Back

The Omnibus resumed operation October 1. Masks are required and passengers will have their temperature taken before boarding the vehicle.

The Omnibus is a free transportation service provided by the city for disabled residents and those age 55 and older. The bus operates Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only which must be made 48 hours in advance. Medical and prescription pickup appointments are the top priority. All destinations must be within the City of Littleton except for the Kaiser Permanente Arapahoe Road medical offices. Donations are encouraged. For more information about the Omnibus or to schedule an appointment visit [littletongov.org](http://littletongov.org) or call 303-795-3700.

## Littleton Police Officers Promoted

Congratulations to Littleton Police Officers Johnie Evans and Spencer Sedbrook who were promoted by Chief Doug Stephens in October. Evans was promoted to Sergeant, and Sedbrook was promoted to Corporal.



## Windermere Street Striping Changes

In 2018 the city resurfaced and restriped South Windermere Street from Littleton Boulevard north to Belleview Avenue. The striping was temporary, allowing city staff to gather feedback from residents as well as make real-time observations. Last month the city finalized the striping plan.

Changes to the striping plan include separate bike lanes, improved bike-lane markings approaching intersections, and the removal of left-turn lanes at minor intersections, allowing a straighter driving path while adding more curbside parking.

The city striped bike lanes north of Belleview Avenue to improve safety for cyclists traveling north into Englewood. Improved pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, including these improvements on Windermere Street, are included in the city's Transportation Master Plan.

## Seasonal Code Enforcement Reminders

Littleton City Code prohibits most wood burning on high-pollution days. The code provides for certain exemptions with the Colorado Phase III (EPA Phase II) stoves.

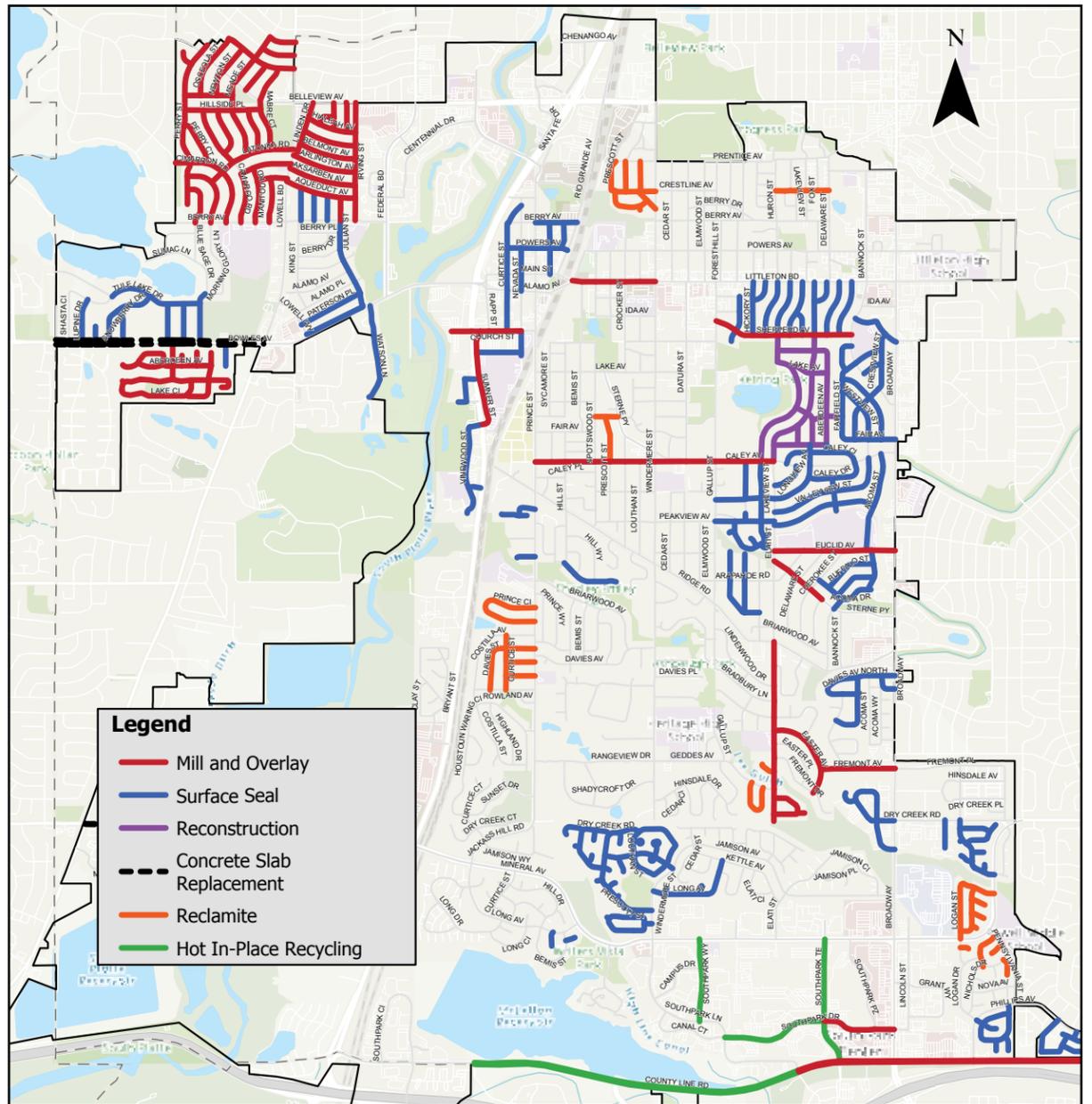
Littleton City Code requires owners and/or occupants of properties, including vacant lots, to remove snow and ice from adjoining sidewalks within 24 hours after every snowfall. To report violations, use the SeeClickFix app, report online at [littletongov.org/see-click-fix](http://littletongov.org/see-click-fix), or call code enforcement at 303-795-3708 or 303-795-3831.

## Public Works Pavement Management Program

Littleton's Pavement Management Program identifies improvements needed to keep Littleton streets in optimal condition. Highlights of the program include concrete panel repairs on Mineral Avenue and Bowles Avenue, resurfacing on much of County Line Road, and neighborhood street resurfacing and pavement preservation.

The program emphasizes pavement preservation to maintain streets while they are still in good condition. It is extremely expensive to rebuild a street that has deteriorated beyond a reasonable maintenance program.

Public works staff has reviewed and updated the city's proposed five-year Pavement Management Plan for 2021-2025. As with any plan, priorities change, so some streets shift from one year to the next, some are added, and others are postponed. A map of the proposed Pavement Management Program can be found at [littletongov.org/streets](http://littletongov.org/streets).



## Building Division Statistics

### BUILDING DIVISION STATS THROUGH OCT 25

Building Division Stats	YTD	Oct. 25
Number of Permits	1,650	122
Permit Valuations	\$66,555,177	\$3,107,341
Building Inspections Performed	8,363	959

### MEDIATION REFERRALS:

117 mediation referrals YTD

### CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Cases - Oct. YTD	
Active cases going into the 2020 year	140
New cases opened	865
Cases closed	956
Current active cases	112
New cases opened over last 30 days	90
Cases closed over last 30 days	71

### PLANNING CASES YEAR-TO-DATE (YTD)

Planning Cases YTD	Site Plans	Plats	Historic	Pre App	Variance	CORA	Other	Total
2020	20	11	3	30	8	124	118	314
2019	23	14	3	66	13	116	117	334

## City Buildings Outfitted with Improved Air Filtration System

The City of Littleton staff are continually working to ensure that all facilities are healthy and safe places to visit and work. In addition to increased disinfecting procedures in buildings, staff installed Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization devices in each air handler or rooftop package unit that deliver conditioned air into the Littleton Museum, Littleton Center, Bemis Library, and Municipal Courthouse. These devices are UL certified and follow the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and



Air Conditioning Engineers "Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality" guidelines.

Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization devices create ion clusters that reduce airborne particles within the HVAC systems, supply air stream, and the occupied zone. A larger percentage of particle clusters will be captured by the HVAC filtration system, therefore leaving the occupied zone with lower levels of airborne contaminants. The safety of employees and visitors to all Littleton facilities remains a priority, especially during these unprecedented times.

# BEYOND BOOKS... WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BEMIS LIBRARY?

Bemis Public Library | 6014 S. Datura Street | Littleton, CO 80120 | 303-795-3961 | Web Catalog: [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org)

## Curbside Pickup Service

Due to public health orders Bemis Library is closed but is offering curbside pickup Monday-Saturday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Place items on hold using the library's online web catalog. When notified holds are available, call the library at 303-795-3961 to schedule a curbside pickup. Those who require special accommodations getting library materials to their car can inform the library when arranging a curbside pickup. Computers are available by appointment only. There are many remote, digital, and virtual services available. Visit [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org).



## Happy Holidays from Bemis Library

### Smithtonians Holiday Concert—December 8, 2 p.m.

Enjoy a virtual concert with Littleton's own Smithtonians Handbell Ensemble. Watch the prerecorded concert during the premiere showing by searching YouTube for Bemis Public Library. Then, return to YouTube and see it again any time in December.



### The Polar Express

Celebrate the library's annual holiday tradition with a virtual reading of Chris Van Allsburg's *The Polar Express* by Littleton Mayor Jerry Valdes.

The video will be available in December on the Bemis website [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org) and on City of Littleton Channel 8. Call the library to pick up a small treat bag.

### Gingerbread House Contest

Call the library to pick up a kit to create a gingerbread house as part of the library's annual Gingerbread House Contest. Post a photo on the Bemis Library Facebook page where followers will vote for their favorite house. Creators of the winning house will receive a \$25 gift card. Supplies are limited. One kit per household. For those who can't pick up a kit, they can email their own gingerbread creations to [libem@littletongov.org](mailto:libem@littletongov.org) to be featured in a Bemis holiday Facebook gallery.



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



### Snow Better Time to Read—Winter Reading Program for Children in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and Younger

Request a Winter Reading Program reading log for curbside pick-up, or register and print one from the Bemis website at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org). Complete the challenges and record what is read. Finishers will receive a free book to keep in addition to other surprises. Program ends January 9.

### Zoom into 2021 with Bemis' Noon Year's Eve Party December 31, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Join the countdown to 2021 with a performance by funnyman Bryce Jackman followed by the dropping of the New Year's Eve ball...at noon! The fun will continue with a virtual dance party for the entire family. Access the Zoom link from the Children's Room on the library webpage [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org).

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### Teen Talk —Every Tuesday, 4–5:30 p.m.\*

Stay connected, hang out and play games through weekly Zoom meetings.

### Board Games @ Home

December 10 and January 14, 5:30–8 p.m.\*

Play virtual board games together online at this family-friendly event. Open to all ages.



## GENERAL PROGRAMS

### Kitchen Painting

December 1, 2–3:30 p.m.\*

Join Think 360 Arts instructor Chelsea Gilmore for an exploration of artistic possibilities found inside kitchen cabinets. Using spices, pantry staples and other common food items, learn how to make paints and dyes, create unique art and clean out the cupboards at the same time. Registration is required for this class. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register.



### Senior Social Club

Thursdays in Dec. and Jan., 9:30–11:30 a.m.\*

Stay connected with Thursday conference call chats. Join the call from a computer, smartphone, regular cell phone or landline.

### How to Survive Today's Food Jungle

December 17, 2 p.m.\*

Food has changed more in the last 50 years than it has in the last 10,000. Knowing how to choose high-quality foods is one key to good health. Learn how to read labels, understand nutritional value, and make wise choices for healthier eating.

### The Mayans

December 21, 2 p.m.\*

Join this Active Minds webinar for an overview of Mayan history, culture, art and science. Learn why the ancient Maya had one of the most complex civilizations in the world.



## VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS

Find links to the books and discussion sessions for any virtual book club by going to the book club date in the Virtual Events Calendar from the Bemis home page at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org).

### Virtual Fiction Book Club

December 4, 1 p.m.

*Uncommon Type* by Tom Hanks

January 8, 1 p.m.

*The Immortalists* by Chloe Benjamin

### Virtual Nonfiction Book Club

December 16, 1 p.m.

*Almost Everything: Notes on Hope* by Anne Lamott

January 20, 1 p.m.

*In the Country of Women* by Susan Straight

### Who Was the Sculptor in Buckskin

January 5, 2 p.m.\*

Dave Lively will introduce participants to a man who was more than a sculptor and artist, Alexander Phimister Proctor. After spending much of his youth hunting and sketching in the Colorado mountain wilderness of the 1870s, Proctor's talents took him throughout the U.S. and to Paris and Rome. Proctor was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, incurable wanderer and confidant to many prominent figures of his day. Proctor was deeply revered as both America's premier animal sculptor and an unfailingly warm and enthusiastic human being.



### Aging Well & Finishing Strong

January 12, 2 p.m.\*

There are strategies to maintain a healthy mind, body and spirit even during a global pandemic. This presentation will discuss how to age with dignity plus how to ensure one's healthcare wishes and end-of-life planning are known and respected.

### Cravings, Weight Gain and the Blood Sugar Rollercoaster

January 19, 2 p.m.\*

Eating a well-balanced diet of nutrient-dense foods is the best way to keep your metabolism active, your weight manageable and your blood sugar under control. Learn how to plan meals to support weight loss goals and about nutritional supplements that help.

### History of Tea with Active Minds

January 25, 2 p.m.\*

January is National Tea Month! Other than water, tea is the most widely-consumed beverage in the world and one of the oldest, tracing its roots to at least the fifth century. Active Minds will tell the story of tea, including the role it played in colonial empire-building, the different types of tea, how it is grown and processed, and which country not only grows but consumes the most tea.



\*To register, participate, or join any of these programs, go to the Virtual Events Calendar from the Bemis home page at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org).



# COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



## Details Boutique Moves to New Location

Details Boutique first opened in 2000 at the corner of Prince and Main Streets in Downtown Littleton. The boutique outgrew its original location and eventually moved into the old 1920s silent movie theater further east on Main Street. Details partnered with more than 20 small retailers, becoming a destination boutique for all ages featuring clothing, cards, unique gifts and home décor. During the pandemic, Details closed its doors and transitioned to online sales.

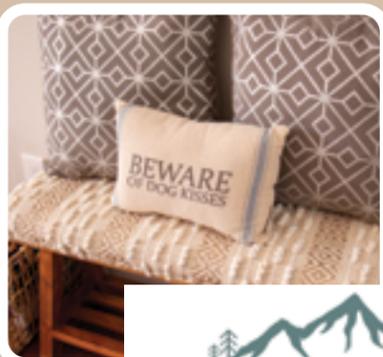
Peggy Cooper, Details long-time owner, is excited to announce that Details is re-opening her shop at a new location in Littleton. "My life is coming full circle and I'm going back to a corner spot in a quaint Victorian house, with Lollygag Antiques and Boutique, where you feel all warm and cozy and inviting," said Cooper.

Holiday shoppers can find Details' unique boutique items at the new location on the corner of Alamo and Curtice Street, 2595 West Alamo Avenue. For more information, visit [detailsboutique.com](http://detailsboutique.com) or call 303-517-3911.



## PDA Roadgear Celebrates 40 Years

The oldest car audio shop in the Denver metro area celebrated 40 years of service in 2020. PDA Roadgear spent 20 years in Englewood and then the past 20 in the City of Littleton. "We can do business in any city we want. We choose Littleton. I have been battle tested during my career in five different cities around Denver with different shops. This is a really helpful and well-run city," said owner Pat Dunahay. PDA Roadgear specializes in aftermarket and original manufacturer equipment accessories for all vehicles. For more information visit the PDA Roadgear website, [pdaroadgear.com](http://pdaroadgear.com) or call 303-761-6022.



## Back Country Animal Chiropractic

Back Country Animal Chiropractic provides care for humans and animals alike. Located at 5650 South Curtice Street, the practice is run by Dr. Kari Palmer who has been practicing chiropractic care for almost 15 years. "When I decided I wanted to be a chiropractor it was the perfect career path for me," said Dr. Palmer. "Helping people of all ages, and really focusing on a community's wellness goals and preventative health care is my passion."

Back Country Animal Chiropractic provides adjustments for dogs, cats, horses, guinea pigs, anything or anyone with a spine. Palmer, who has three dogs says, "nothing is better than watching your furry family member express the benefits of chiropractic care."

For more information or to make an appointment visit [backcountryanimalchiro.com](http://backcountryanimalchiro.com) or call 303-953-1471.

## Lululemon Pop-Up Shop

Lululemon has opened a pop-up shop in the Aspen Grove shopping center at 7301 South Santa Fe Drive. The pop-up concept allows the store to test the market in a particular city, selling the same popular yoga pants, lounge wear, running and training clothes found on its website and in other Lululemon stores. Head to Aspen Grove and check out the newest Lululemon fashions, or visit [shop.lululemon.com](http://shop.lululemon.com).



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